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- Ms. Cheryl Peace, Chairperson
- Ms. Rosario Marin
- Ms. Rosalie Mul

STAFF

- Mr. Mark Leary, Executive Director
- Ms. Julie Nauman, Chief Deputy Director
- Ms. Marie Carter, Chief Counsel
- Mr. Jim Lee, Deputy Director
- Ms. Bonnie Cornwall, Supervisor, Grants and Certification Section
- Mr. Keith Cambridge
- Mr. Spencer Fine
- Mr. James Herota

ALSO PRESENT

- Mr. Alan Abbs, ESJPA
- Dr. Rufus Browning
- Ms. Cedar Kehoe, City of Elk Grove
- Ms. Heidi Sanborn, Solid Waste Consultant

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PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Good morning. Is everybody
- 3 ready? Welcome to the Special Waste Committee.
- First, before we get started I'd like to
- 5 introduce my new executive assistant, Eronia Hunt, over
- 6 there in the green; and who taken Selma Lindrud's place
- 7 since Selma retired.
- 8 So welcome, Eronia. Hopefully this will be an
- 9 easy initiation meeting for you today.
- 10 And will you please call the roll.
- 11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY HUNT: Marin?
- 12 Mulé?
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Here.
- 14 COMMITTEE SECRETARY HUNT: Peace?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Here.
- 16 Chair Marin is attending a Border Governors'
- 17 Conference in Mexico today. So that is why she is not
- 18 here with us today.
- 19 So if I could please remind everyone to turn off
- 20 their cell phones or, you know, put them in the meeting or
- 21 vibrate mode.
- There are agendas on the back table, little
- 23 speaker slips. So if you would like to address the
- 24 Committee on an item, please bring your speaker slip to
- 25 Ms. Hunt right over there.

- 1 Have any ex partes?
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: I'm up to date, thank
- 3 you, Madam Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: And I am also up to date.
- 5 So I guess we can get started.
- 6 Mr. Lee, are you ready?
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 8 And good morning, Board Member Mulé.
- 9 My name is Jim Lee. I'm Deputy Director of the
- 10 Special Waste Division.
- 11 Madam Chair, I have no items on my Deputy
- 12 Director report for you this morning. So, again, I would
- 13 like to take this opportunity to ask if there's any
- 14 questions, you know, that perhaps you might want to, you
- 15 know, address to me, issues or concerns.
- 16 Hearing none, I guess I would like to propose
- 17 that we move on to today's agenda.
- 18 First item for your consideration is the
- 19 consideration of adoption of the proposed regulations for
- 20 waste and used tire haulers regarding retreaders.
- 21 Keith Cambridge will make the staff presentation.
- MR. CAMBRIDGE: Good morning, Madam Chair, Board
- 23 Member Mulé. My name's Keith Cambridge of the Waste Tire
- 24 Hauler Registration and Manifest Program. Tom Micka, who
- 25 prepared this item, is on vacation this week, so I'll be

- 1 presenting this item.
- 2 Early last year TRIB, the Tire Retread
- 3 Information Bureau, and its membership sought relief from
- 4 the California Uniform Waste and Used Tire Manifest
- 5 regulations that were implemented in July 2003. TRIB
- 6 members felt that the new manifest and TRIB log forms
- 7 placed an unnecessary hardship on the retreader, who are
- 8 already invoicing all their documents in very much detail
- 9 prior to their removal from the generators' locations.
- 10 Board staff, with the assistance of TRIB,
- 11 developed the California Retreader Trip Log to help
- 12 alleviate this burden. In June 2004, the Board adopted
- 13 emergency regulations for the retreaders which allowed
- 14 them to use this form. These regulations became effective
- 15 on August 20th, 2004.
- 16 The Board also directed staff to proceed with the
- 17 rule-making process and implement non-emergency
- 18 regulations for the retreaders. These proposed
- 19 non-emergency regulations were set out for public comment
- 20 period on February 25th, 2005, and are presented in your
- 21 agenda package as item 3a.
- 22 On April 25th, 2005, a public hearing was held
- 23 concerning these regulations. No comments were received
- 24 during the comment period or at the public hearing.
- On a parallel track, in April of this year the

- 1 Board approved emergency regulations revising the current
- 2 manifest system by implementing the new Comprehensive Trip
- 3 Log, or CTL, form. The CTL form provides an easier and a
- 4 shorter reporting requirement for all waste tire haulers,
- 5 including retreaders, and is very similar to the Retreader
- 6 Trip Log.
- 7 In addition, staff is currently working with the
- 8 retreaders and waste tire haulers to get them aboard at
- 9 our Electronic Data Transfer, or EDT, program or web-based
- 10 program.
- 11 Currently 33 out of about 60-plus California
- 12 retreaders are using the Retreader Trip Log. Staff
- 13 believes it is not cost effective to continue the use of
- 14 this form with the new options such as the CTL or
- 15 web-based EDT now available and recommends that the
- 16 Retreader Trip Log form and applicable regulations be
- 17 sunsetted when the non-emergency CTL regulations become
- 18 effective in the spring of 2006. Staff has presented this
- 19 information to TRIB, and they are also in agreement with
- 20 this proposal.
- 21 At last year's monthly Special Waste Committee
- 22 staff presented this information to the Committee. The
- 23 Committee directed staff to go out for an additional
- 24 15-day comment period, which ran between June 27th and
- 25 July 11th. No comments were received by staff. And

- 1 copies of the proposed non-emergency regulations have been
- 2 provided and are in the back of the room for those who are
- 3 interested.
- 4 Staff believes that this retreader regulation
- 5 package will not have a significant effect on the
- 6 environment and that this package qualifies for a
- 7 categorical exemption which encompasses actions by the
- 8 regulatory agencies for protection of the environment. At
- 9 the Board's direction, staff will file a notice of
- 10 exemption with the Governor's Office of Planning and
- 11 Research.
- 12 Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution
- 13 2005-193, adopting the proposed changes to the retreader
- 14 regulations, and make a finding that the proposed
- 15 regulations qualify for a categorical exemption under the
- 16 California Environmental Quality Act.
- 17 This concludes my presentation. Are there any
- 18 questions I can answer?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: The Comprehensive Trip Log,
- 20 when do we expect it, that will be available for long
- 21 hauls?
- 22 MR. CAMBRIDGE: We actually -- we'd have the
- 23 first shipment in, and we're going to be sending it out
- 24 probably the end of the month. We'd like to go through
- 25 the remaining manifests as much as possible. And this

- 1 will coincide with our training, which starts July 25th.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Great.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Madam Chair, I just want
- 5 to make a comment. I want to thank staff for all of their
- 6 hard work on this, and as well as you and your office. I
- 7 know this was a long arduous process, but it seems like
- 8 we're at the end of it. And I just want to thank everyone
- 9 involved.
- 10 With that, I'd like to move Resolution 2005-193.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: And I'll second that.
- 12 And because we are finding that it is exempt from
- 13 CEQA, we can put these on consent; is that correct?
- 14 Okay. So we'll just put these on consent.
- 15 Again, thank you, Keith; thank you, Rubia.
- 16 CHIEF COUNSEL CARTER: Madam Chair, we need a
- 17 vote too?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Oh, I guess we need to vote.
- 19 COMMITTEE SECRETARY HUNT: Marin?
- 20 Mulé?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Aye.
- 22 COMMITTEE SECRETARY HUNT: Peace?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. With that, we'll pull
- 25 them on consent.

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- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 2 Agenda Item 9 is consideration of the grant
- 3 awards for the Household Hazardous Waste grants, the 14th
- 4 cycle, Fiscal Year 2005-6, Integrated Waste Management
- 5 Account.
- 6 Bonnie Cornwall and staff will make the staff
- 7 presentation.
- 8 MR. FINE: Good day, Madam Chair Peace and
- 9 Committee Member Mulé. As Jim said, I'm Spencer Fine.
- 10 And it is with great pleasure that I am presenting
- 11 Committee Item 9, consideration of the grant awards for
- 12 the 14th cycle, Household Hazardous Waste program for
- 13 Fiscal Year 2005-2006.
- 14 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 15 Presented as follows.)
- 16 MR. FINE: The program criteria is broken up into
- 17 two parts, one that is driven by statute and one that is
- 18 recommended by staff with Board approval.
- 19 Statute requires that funding be focused on
- 20 rural, small cities, underserved areas, innovative or
- 21 cost-effective collection, as well as multi-jurisdictional
- 22 programs addressing regional needs.
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- 24 MR. FINE: Discretionary criteria approved by the
- 25 Board in January focused this cycle on facility

- 1 construction and expansion as well as pilot programs for
- 2 universal waste given the forthcoming February 2006 ban on
- 3 universal waste being taken to the landfills.
- 4 In addition, this cycle is unique in that the
- 5 Board set aside \$200,000 for the Recycled Paint
- 6 Certification Project, which will establish national
- 7 guidelines for recycled paint. The Recycled Paint
- 8 Certification System is 1 of 11 prioritized projects by
- 9 the National Paint Product Stewardship Initiative and
- 10 memorandum of understanding recently signed by former
- 11 Governor -- pardon -- former California Environmental
- 12 Protection Agency Secretary Terry Tamminen.
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- 14 MR. FINE: For the 2005-2006 grant cycle funding
- 15 is set at 4.5 million and is broken down as follows:
- 16 \$200,000 per jurisdiction, \$300,000 for regional
- 17 groups, and \$200,000 for recycled paint certification.
- 18 --00o--
- 19 MR. FINE: The Board approved the scoring
- 20 criteria and evaluation process for the HD 14th cycle at
- 21 its January 2005 meeting. The approved scoring process is
- 22 a two-tiered system. In order to move on to the final
- 23 review, applicants must first be successful in attaining
- 24 at least 64 of the 80 possible points in the general
- 25 criteria section.

- 1 The second-tier scoring is for statutory and the
- 2 Board's discretionary priority criteria. Process and
- 3 outcome evaluation must be incorporated into each
- 4 proposal. During the grant term grant managers will
- 5 conduct grant evaluation reports in the middle of the
- 6 year, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the
- 7 grantee's scope of work and its results.
- 8 Also staff will provide technical assistance in
- 9 the form of best practices allowing grantees to run
- 10 programs efficiently.
- 11 Successes will be presented at the information
- 12 exchange workshops and the annual Used Oil and Household
- 13 Hazardous Waste Conference.
- 14 Cost effectiveness is strongly emphasized in the
- 15 scoring criteria. Accordingly, modifications to the grant
- 16 application budget were suggested by applicants.
- 17 Reviewers and applicants were asked to then submit a
- 18 revised budget.
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- 20 MR. FINE: Twenty-six qualified applications were
- 21 received, requesting approximately 6.14 million in funding
- 22 of the available 4.5 million. Of the 26 applications, 21
- 23 applications received a passing score and requested
- 24 approximately \$5.2 million.
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- 1 MR. FINE: As you all are well aware, the Board
- 2 now has the opportunity of working on a cutting-edge
- 3 project with the Product Stewardship Institute to develop
- 4 the Recycled Paint Certification System. Specifically the
- 5 certification system devised will develop a seal of
- 6 approval of the recycled paint's performance and content.
- 7 The Department of General Services has indicated
- 8 its biggest barrier to purchasing recycled paint is the
- 9 lack of any guarantee of the recycled paint's quality.
- 10 The project involves developing guidelines and performance
- 11 specifications for recycled paint, a system for certifying
- 12 specific recycled paint products, a summary of options for
- 13 testing and reducing market barriers, determining
- 14 certifications that can be achieved, establishing testing
- 15 protocol, arranging and executing tests, and attending
- 16 meetings of certifying organizations.
- 17 San Joaquin County successfully applied and has
- 18 recommended to lead this effort in collaborating with PSI,
- 19 and has engaged several key partners, including Cal Poly
- 20 San Luis Obispo. As well as Dunn Edwards Paints has
- 21 already pledged \$45,000 to support this and several of the
- 22 other research projects.
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- 24 MR. FINE: The remaining 20 projects focus
- 25 primarily on infrastructure, be it permanent facilities or

- 1 temporary collection events. Staff also recommends
- 2 funding three grants focused on door to door and curbside
- 3 collection of universal waste for seniors and disabled
- 4 citizens, as intended by Legislature.
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- 6 MR. FINE: The vast majority of the projects, 80
- 7 percent serve rural, regional or small cities. U-waste
- 8 will receive significant attention, as 66 percent of the
- 9 recommended grants address this waste stream.
- 10 These projects will also play a pivotal role in
- 11 assisting Special Waste staff in analyzing what works and
- 12 what doesn't for this emerging waste stream, which will
- 13 again be shared at our by monthly information exchanges
- 14 and conferences.
- 15 --00o--
- 16 MR. FINE: After requesting the final budget
- 17 adjustments from applicants, our recommendation is just
- 18 shy of the \$4.5 million noted in this item. The City of
- 19 Encinitas' final budget was exactly \$358 less than
- 20 recommended by the review team and noted in BAWDS
- 21 Attachment 2. With your approval we will make the
- 22 revision before the Board meeting next week.
- 23 In closing, staff respectfully requests that the
- 24 Board approve Option No. 1, which will fund 21 grants
- 25 recommended at a funding level of \$4,499,642 and adopted

- 1 Resolution No. 2005-192, which will be revised to reflect
- 2 the decrease of \$358.
- 3 If there are any areas of concern, staff is
- 4 available to address them at this time. Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We have a couple speakers on
- 6 this item.
- 7 Alan Abbs.
- 8 MR. ABBS: Good morning, Madam Chair. My name's
- 9 Alan Abbs. I'm the Solid Waste Director for Tehama County
- 10 and also a solid waste specialist for the Environmental
- 11 Services Joint Powers Authority. And I just wanted to
- 12 stand up and briefly give my support, not only to the
- 13 ESJPA application, but also to the application for Tehama
- 14 County as well as Amador, Mono, and Modoc counties and any
- 15 other rural counties that I may have forgotten.
- And as staff mentioned, the HD 14 grant cycle did
- 17 give some preference to rural and underserved in the small
- 18 city applications, and the ESJPA and all the rural
- 19 counties are thankful that we did get consideration. And
- 20 it looks like this grant cycle will be very helpful to
- 21 rural counties.
- Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Thank you.
- Okay. And I'm sorry if I don't say this right.
- 25 But it looks like Cedar Kehoe.

- 1 MS. KEHOE: That's correct, Cheryl. It's Cedar
- 2 Kehoe.
- 4 Program Manager with the City of Elk Grove. I'm here
- 5 because I'm actually very disappointed in the outcome of
- 6 the product -- the review of the grants.
- 7 Let me say first that we believe the City of Elk
- 8 Grove should have won funding to build a permanent
- 9 household hazardous waste facility.
- 10 The City of Elk Grove incorporated in 2000. The
- 11 Elk Grove population ranked a healthy 72,000 residents.
- 12 The city's population is projected to more than double in
- 13 the next 25 years, to over 183,000 people. According to
- 14 the California Department of Finance, Elk Grove's
- 15 population totaled 131,000 in January of '05, which means
- 16 it is the 46th largest city in the state.
- 17 We put in a grant that would request that we have
- 18 dollars spent for designing a facility, outreach to our
- 19 general public, as well as funding for a consultant to
- 20 help us figure out how to fund the program on an ongoing
- 21 basis. And we received no funding.
- 22 At the same time we noted that other counties
- 23 such as Ventura County and San Bernardino County have
- 24 already received up to a million dollars in grant funding,
- 25 and our city's received nothing.

- 1 We feel that the grant is a reasonable grant.
- 2 When we called we were told the reason we did not get
- 3 funding was because our grant requested dollars for, in a
- 4 sense, the planning stages, not the actual construction.
- 5 And they were concerned about our commitment. The city
- 6 has put in a million dollars to buy the land. I consider
- 7 that a very significant commitment from the city, and is
- 8 asking for help for a long-range plan that would provide
- 9 support to all of our residents.
- 10 We currently have the privilege of using the City
- 11 of Sacramento's facility. But they have voiced that this
- 12 is a short-term arrangement, that we are growing too
- 13 quickly to continually be at their facility. And we would
- 14 like you to reconsider the position that was placed with
- 15 the City of Elk Grove and consider funding that division.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 18 CORNWALL: I want to thank Cedar for bringing that point
- 19 of view before the Board.
- 20 Approximately a year and a half ago we brought
- 21 before the Board an item that talked about changes that we
- 22 might look at in the HHW Grant Program based on what we
- 23 were seeing out in the community. And one of the things
- 24 that was discussed at that time was the need to help
- 25 jurisdictions plan for facilities. But based on what was

- 1 expressed at that point in time, we decided to retain the
- 2 focus -- and as criteria items were subsequently brought
- 3 to the Board, to retain the focus on the construction of
- 4 building infrastructure and focusing on U-waste.
- 5 However, during the -- after the review
- 6 process -- and we always conduct a debriefing of the grant
- 7 cycle to see, you know, what emerged, what kind of
- 8 challenges that are really worthy. And this project is
- 9 one of our benchmark proposals. And so it received a
- 10 review by every single reviewer. And as you may recall
- 11 from the process, only two grants are reviewed during the
- 12 benchmark process. So there was really a lot of
- 13 discussion about this particular grant.
- We are in the midst of a process right now,
- 15 working with the Executive Office, of looking at each of
- 16 our grant programs and making suggestions, somewhat
- 17 radical suggestions, if you will, about how to change
- 18 these grants in the future. And this is exactly one of
- 19 the things we'll be bringing forward to the executive
- 20 staff and ultimately to the Board.
- 21 In general, you have -- capital outlay projects
- 22 have a budget of at least five years. IWMA money is not
- 23 capital outlay money, so you -- by the time you get the
- 24 grant you have about two and a half years, which for many
- 25 jurisdictions is too tight of a timeframe to really finish

- 1 construction of a facility. One of the things we will be
- 2 looking at and exploring the logistics of is in fact
- 3 putting forth the notion of planning grants, and Elk Grove
- 4 would be a prime example of that, where there is a
- 5 definitive commitment on the part of their jurisdiction.
- 6 And I want to say that my staff never -- I mean
- 7 she may have interpreted that way, but it was not a
- 8 criterion of these grant review cycles to see are they
- 9 committed or not. The criterion was how much HHW will be
- 10 collected as a result of this project. And in this case,
- 11 you know, it would be none.
- 12 So I think we will be really looking very
- 13 seriously at and ask you to consider when we bring the
- 14 criteria item approximately next -- early next year to
- 15 look at how we might fund planning grants such as this to
- 16 help those jurisdictions that do not yet have facilities.
- 17 She commented about some of the grantees, namely, San
- 18 Bernardino County, who have already received some funding.
- 19 Those programs were funded a number of years ago. And
- 20 with the increase and emphasis on U-waste, they need to
- 21 expand their facilities.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Madam Chair?
- Thank you.
- 24 The question I have is: Since there have been so
- 25 many facilities that have been designed and constructed,

- 1 is there any way that we -- our staff can provide
- 2 technical assistance to the City of Elk grove in terms of
- 3 design work? So that -- you know, so that instead of
- 4 getting a grant, you'll get the technical assistance. So
- 5 that's -- you know, I'm wondering if we can't do that as
- 6 an interim measure before, you know, we look at --
- 7 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 8 CORNWALL: Well, as an example, during our last year's
- 9 conference a year ago we did just that. We had a full day
- 10 training session on how to plan facilities. And that's,
- 11 again, one of the things that we're talking about, maybe
- 12 to most facilitate a planning process we actually have
- 13 those jurisdictions who are interested, you know, work
- 14 through a very detailed kind of planning process, so that
- 15 all the, you know, i's are dotted and t's are crossed.
- In terms of can we actually provide the technical
- 17 assistance now. With existing staff resources we don't
- 18 have any architects on our particular staff. We can help
- 19 them certainly identify other similar communities, you
- 20 know, based on how much money they have available and how
- 21 much land. We're working with Department of Toxics to do
- 22 an inventory and actually segment all the HHW facilities
- 23 so we can provide that kind of assistance.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Right. I think that that
- 25 would be -- I don't know, you could tell me, Christine, if

- 1 that would be helpful to you as a start.
- 2 MS. KEHOE: The reality is that the step we're at
- 3 now really needs an architect, and the Waste Board doesn't
- 4 provide that level --
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: So you need an architect?
- 6 I mean --
- 7 MS. KEHOE: Well, yes. But those are big ticket
- 8 costs. I mean this is going to be a multi -- this will be
- 9 a million dollar facility. You know, it's a level that is
- 10 a real cost. I mean some of the outreach, certainly Waste
- 11 Board staff could help us do that. But we're pretty
- 12 familiar on what -- I ran the San Francisco's household
- 13 facility for a number of years, so I'm pretty familiar
- 14 with what task would be. I'm a little concerned because I
- 15 know some jurisdictions did get some planning dollars,
- 16 along with construction dollars, so there -- I'm concerned
- 17 about that as well. As well as some of the facilities
- 18 have been built and they never even operate, because the
- 19 Waste Board never -- not the Waste Board -- excuse me --
- 20 the jurisdiction never figured out how those facilities
- 21 would be funded in the long run. So you've got these
- 22 facilities built and they're not being used.
- 23 So I think there are some issues with the grant
- 24 cycle and what it's paying for and what it's not paying
- 25 for. So I think reevaluating that would be a really good

- 1 idea.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Right.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: We'll have that to look at in
- 5 the next scoring criteria the next -- as we look at that
- 6 again.
- 7 But when you say we need an architect, as Board
- 8 member Mulé kind of suggested, are there any household
- 9 hazardous waste facilities that have already been built
- 10 where you could actually say, "This will fit the plan we
- 11 had. Could we use your plans?"
- 12 MS. KEHOE: Sure, we've looked at them. But we
- 13 literally bought land. So we have to have it specific for
- 14 our land. I agree -- and we've looked at lot of those
- 15 drawings. In fact, we've met with a number of the people
- 16 who have built them and we've looked at those drawings.
- 17 But you're still going to have to have a site-specific
- 18 drawing drawn by an architectural firm.
- 19 I don't disagree. That's very valuable, and we
- 20 have gotten some of that information, because we don't
- 21 want to recreate the wheel. We're absolutely going to
- 22 copy the wheel, frankly. If it's rolling, roll with it.
- 23 (Laughter.)
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Well, thank you for
- 25 being here.

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1 So if Elk Grove would have put in a grant for the

- 2 construction and not for the planning, then they would
- 3 have had a better chance of getting funding this time?
- 4 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 5 CORNWALL: Yes, because there were priority points given
- 6 for construction of facilities and in terms of the
- 7 evaluation and cost effectiveness. And, you know, again
- 8 we look at how much HHW is collected for dollar expended.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Well, I wish we had enough
- 10 money to fund every single project.
- 11 Do you have any other questions?
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Yes I do. Thank you,
- 13 Madam Chair.
- 14 First of all, I am very pleased to see that
- 15 two-thirds of these projects address U-waste. I was just
- 16 at a California Resource Recovery Association conference
- 17 yesterday and was making a presentation on 939. But
- 18 someone brought up the question about this very issue and
- 19 how -- what are we doing to address the public
- 20 notification and the public outreach. And I thought that
- 21 that was a very, very good question to ask, because here
- 22 we are, it is July of '05, we've got these regulations
- 23 coming down in February of '06, and I think that this is a
- 24 project that our Public Affairs folks needs to be involved
- 25 with in terms of getting the word out and working jointly

- 1 with DTSC on this.
- 2 So I don't know if we are doing anything. But
- 3 this is -- you know, the question that was posed was, you
- 4 know, what happens, you know, after February when folks
- 5 put that fluorescent tube in their trash. And, you know,
- 6 very good question. And, you know, so my on-the-spot
- 7 quick answer was, "Well, we are working with DTSC." So I
- 8 certainly hope that what I said was true, that we are
- 9 working with them.
- 10 But, again, I think it's a large enough issue.
- 11 We are focusing on it via our grants. But I certainly
- 12 hope that we are addressing it from the public
- 13 notification, public outreach as well.
- 14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, Board --
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Maybe Jim can give us a
- 16 little update --
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, I can, like I said.
- 18 Board Member Mulé, yes, we are, you know, working
- 19 actively on this particular issue. The Board, you know,
- 20 directed us to look at various action plans developed, you
- 21 know, to look at various high priority areas that they
- 22 would like us to address. One of the ones that we're
- 23 working on again is one for universal waste. We are
- 24 working very actively with DTSC there. In fact, we will
- 25 be participating in a series of workshops next month that

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- 1 DTSC is sponsoring again to, you know, take a look at the
- 2 February 2006 deadline. And, you know, not only the
- 3 things that have been done and will be done, you know, to
- 4 comply, you know, with that deadline.
- 5 And so -- and, again, I think it's -- as this
- 6 particular item notes, you know, the Board has been
- 7 putting its money where its mouth is, you know, for a
- 8 number of years. We've focused these various grant
- 9 programs -- the HHW programs in the last couple of cycles,
- 10 you know, on universal waste, you know, to try and get and
- 11 stimulate a program development in the communities.
- 12 So we have been doing work here. We've got
- 13 ongoing work. And, again, we are doing the longer range
- 14 planning to look at the situation beyond February 2006.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Great. Thank you, Jim.
- And, again, I just want to stress how important
- 17 the public notification and the public outreach component
- 18 of this is. I mean, again, I'm very, very pleased to see
- 19 that we are allocating a large portion of this money to
- 20 address the U-waste. I just want to make sure that the
- 21 public knows what we're doing and that those resources are
- 22 available to them.
- Thank you.
- 24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: As one final note on that
- 25 again, I think -- Board Member Mulé, I think you were at

- 1 the HHW conference. Again, we had, you know, training
- 2 seminars specifically on this topic. We have our
- 3 bimonthly household hazardous waste exchanges, you know,
- 4 where we are, you know, continuing to utilize that venue
- 5 as a way of seeing what the jurisdictions are doing,
- 6 encouraging them to do more.
- 7 So, again, I think the outreach component, you
- 8 know, is being covered.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Good. Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: I just had a question on
- 11 the -- what do you actually call it? I want to call it by
- 12 its proper name here. The paint certification item. I
- 13 mean I think that's great, if we want to get more recycled
- 14 actually used, that we do need to do this. But in the
- 15 item it said that there were 11 priority projects, and
- 16 this is 1.
- 17 Do we have any idea what the other 10 are,
- 18 that --
- 19 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 20 CORNWALL: Absolutely. And, in fact, if somebody could
- 21 bring up, there's a handout at the back of the room, it
- 22 looks like this -- and if I could ask someone to bring
- 23 those forward -- that describes the 11 projects being
- 24 funded on the national level. Six of them have already
- 25 begun. Two of them are dependent on the results of this

- 1 project.
- 2 So for all intents and purposes, they're all
- 3 moving forward, have received industry support. As we
- 4 noted in our presentation, Dunn Edwards has put in money
- 5 that's helping this project kind of move along. So I
- 6 think the project is moving along very effectively. We
- 7 will continue to provide you updates on what's going on in
- 8 that regard.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Heidi, well, I haven't had a
- 10 chance to look at this. Can you just tell me a couple of
- 11 other things that you think are really important of these
- 13 Of the 11 projects?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Yeah, they're working -- you
- 15 said they're already working on a couple of them. Can
- 16 you.
- 17 MS. SANBORN: Yeah, I think of the markets
- 18 projects, this is the most important, because we can't get
- 19 recycled paint listed in the Green Building programs
- 20 unless they have certifications. I was talking to people
- 21 at the CRRA conference yesterday, and they were saying
- 22 that as far as green building goes they're all going for
- 23 low VOC virgin, but they're not going for any recycled.
- 24 And I kept saying, "Well, it's the highest and best use
- 25 for paint, to make it into paint." And they said, "Well,

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- 1 there's no certification that proves that it performs or
- 2 it's safe.
- 3 So we can't put it out there because we're afraid
- 4 it has mercury and it has the heavy metals." So they were
- 5 very encouraged to hear that the Board was looking at the
- 6 Recycled Paint Certification Project, because they'd like
- 7 to use it in green building. And that fits in with the
- 8 Board's Green Building Group, so I thought that was a nice
- 9 tie-in.
- 10 Another really important project is the life
- 11 cycle work group. We're doing a full life cycle analysis
- 12 on recycled paint and the various options to use it,
- 13 whether it be making it into recycled paint or disposing
- 14 of it or making it into a concrete product or some other
- 15 product. Because the industry managers are saying, "We'd
- 16 love to be able to fully support this whole thing. But we
- 17 really want to know scientifically what is the highest and
- 18 best use, what are the cost benefits of the different
- 19 options?"
- 20 And that's a really, we think, a very good thing
- 21 to do, is to look at the full life cycle. So we're doing
- 22 a life cycle analysis, and hiring firms to do that now
- 23 actually, and a cost-benefit analysis.
- 24 And another major project I think is the
- 25 infrastructure project. The cost to manage paint right

- 1 now is about \$8 a gallon. And that's clearly not going to
- 2 be sustainable. The increase in paint has been 23 percent
- 3 coming into the HHW facilities. The state's buying 50
- 4 percent less recycled content paint than it did three
- 5 years ago. So all this put together, we do not have a
- 6 sustainable system and it's going to start falling apart.
- 7 And actually when Rosalie and I were out at
- 8 the -- I'm sorry -- Ms. Mulé and I were out at the HHW
- 9 facility at the County of Sacramento last year, they were
- 10 actually recycling the paint and bringing it to Amazon
- 11 Paint down in Whittier. They are now disposing of it in a
- 12 landfill, can and all. So the steel's lost, the
- 13 titanium's lost, everything's lost. So we really do kind
- 14 of have a -- we're on the verge of really being in trouble
- 15 here as far as markets for the paint and having it
- 16 properly managed.
- 17 So the infrastructure project is going to look at
- 18 a more cost-effective way to collect the paint and then
- 19 put a cost to it nationally, so that we can then
- 20 discuss -- October 1st of next year the industry has
- 21 agreed through the MOU to sit down and actually talk with
- 22 the 31 states that are parties to this and say, "Okay,
- 23 we've got the answers to all these questions in the
- 24 projects.
- Now, how do we go ahead and determine a

- 1 sustainable leftover paint management system for the whole
- 2 country?" And we're calling it nationally coordinated,
- 3 because there will be regional differences and we want to
- 4 identify that that is the case. And that's market
- 5 dependent, depending on who their local markets are.
- 6 But there's a lot of really good projects here.
- 7 And actually this is the boiled-down version. We had 25,
- 8 is what we started with. So they actually boiled it down
- 9 to 11 and \$1.2 million worth of projects.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: So it does look like from
- 11 this there are other state governments that are putting in
- 12 money besides California to do some of these projects?
- 13 MS. SANBORN: Actually per capita I think Iowa
- 14 beat us, because they put in 50,000. So that was pretty
- 15 good for little Iowa.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 18 CORNWALL: Let me also add that the project for San
- 19 Bernardino falls very nicely into that paint
- 20 infrastructure model. San Bernardino has piloted a
- 21 program for actually recycling the paint on site and
- 22 reusing it. And they've been doing that for a couple of
- 23 years, won an award statewide for a public administration
- 24 employee taking the initiative. And they will be further
- 25 refining that project. They're probably the leading

- 1 example locally, certainly within California, to show how
- 2 it can be done in a very cost-effective manner. So I
- 3 think the results from that project, which is funded out
- 4 of this HD 14 cycle, will go a long way to helping that
- 5 infrastructure project as well.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Yes, this is a great thing
- 7 that needs to move forward. Isn't it like 60 percent of
- 8 all the household hazardous waste collection costs is
- 9 in -- is the paint?
- 10 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 11 CORNWALL: (Nods head.)
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Great.
- Thank you, Heidi.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: And, Madam Chair, another
- 15 thing. When Heidi and I were at the meeting with some of
- 16 the paint manufacturers -- you know, one of the
- 17 frustrations is is we've got some companies out there that
- 18 are producing a quality product, I mean as far as I know,
- 19 but they're frustrated because we do have a law, a
- 20 regulation on the books where we're required to
- 21 purchase -- if you want to discuss this a little bit,
- 22 Heidi. And as Heidi mentioned earlier, you know, DGS is
- 23 purchasing less and less of the recycled paint. And it is
- 24 an issue. And I know that Board Chair Marin was going to
- 25 talk with Fred Aguiar, Secretary of Consumer Services,

- 1 about this issue. Because, again, here's an opportunity
- 2 for -- you know, for us -- we're probably one of the
- 3 largest users or potential users of recycled paint. And
- 4 yet, you know, we've got -- our sister state agencies are
- 5 not, you know, coming up and doing their part in terms of
- 6 purchasing and using it.
- 7 MS. SANBORN: That's a very important point. And
- 8 the requirements, as I understand it, is that fitness and
- 9 quality being equal, the state will buy 50 percent of
- 10 their paint that's recycled. And that would be 50 percent
- 11 recycled content. The problem is, the fitness and quality
- 12 being equal, because we have no certification that proves
- 13 that, that's their out. And I was talking to Dan Burgoyne
- 14 at DGS las week. And I was trying to re-engage him in a
- 15 dialogue and kind of begging him to come back and help us
- 16 on this project, because he's been very busy on green
- 17 building. And he made the parallel between this and the
- 18 carpet MOU, because he said they're developing
- 19 certifications for the recycled content carpet and they're
- 20 going to be allowed -- I guess the way the law is is DGS
- 21 can require that the state agencies buy it if they have
- 22 these certifications. That's a possibility for paint as
- 23 well, which would be a huge boon for the market.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: So that's why this
- 25 project is so important --

- 1 MS. SANBORN: It's critical of creating the
- 2 market demand and market pull and keeping the jobs here in
- 3 California. We've got three recycled paint manufacturers.
- 4 They're right on the edge of losing it. And, you know,
- 5 we've already lost one in the Midwest I think two months
- 6 ago. And the one that -- Canadian firm wanted to site in
- 7 Whittier, that was where they found that the economics
- 8 work best. But because of regulatory things, they sited
- 9 in Mexico. And that should be opening up soon.
- 10 But we really do need this project. And the Cal
- 11 Poly professors are absolutely perfect to do it. And
- 12 we're keeping the money in state and using our students.
- 13 They have the only Masters program west of the Mississippi
- 14 in a chemistry department for painting coatings.
- 15 Thank you, Heidi.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: How long do they expect
- 17 this -- before we have the results from this project? And
- 18 then we can move forward.
- 19 MS. SANBORN: I believe we expected this to be
- 20 completed by the end of September next year. We're hoping
- 21 to get it done sooner, but it really depends on the work
- 22 and what we come up against.
- The professors are busy working on it right now.
- 24 Dunn Edwards has put in \$45,000. And so -- and Portland
- 25 Metro has also contributed money to this project. So

- 1 they've already been working on it. The professors
- 2 actually were on the phone with me this morning. They're
- 3 talking to the Master Painters Institute about doing the
- 4 performance certification now.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Great.
- 6 MS. SANBORN: Thank you very much.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Thank you.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Madam Chair, with that
- 9 I'd like to move Resolution 2005-192.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Second.
- 11 And with no objection, we'll substitute the
- 12 previous roll.
- 13 And we'll put this on fiscal consent.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: And, Spencer Fine, you did a
- 16 fine job.
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Madam Chair, Item No. 10 is
- 18 the presentation of findings on Phase 2 of the
- 19 Do-It-Yourself Oil Changers Research, Fiscal Year
- 20 2001-2002 Used Oil Recycling Fund Contract C2014.
- 21 Madam Chair, I'm very pleased to present this
- 22 item. This is a continuation of our commitment -- or
- 23 manifestation of our commitment that we made to the Board
- 24 back in November of 2004 when we brought forth our used
- 25 oil allocation item and our Used Oil Program

- 1 Implementation Plan. At that time we indicated that we
- 2 would keep the Board appraised of developments in the
- 3 program, things of interest. And this is something that
- 4 in the last few months -- I know that Board Chair Marin
- 5 has discussed some interest with regards to the curbside
- 6 program and how that might be expanded, you know, to
- 7 consider the collection of additional oil.
- 8 I know this particular presentation we're going
- 9 to have a contractor, Dr. Rufus Browning, which will be
- 10 speaking. He presented parts of this at our Used Oil
- 11 Conference. I know Board Member Mulé was there. And we
- 12 listened attentively, you know, to the presentation, which
- 13 we found it to be very interesting. And we thought that
- 14 again we wanted to, you know, share this with the entire
- 15 Committee.
- 16 At the conclusion of Dr. Browning's remarks again
- 17 I'm going to have staff -- you know, we've got some
- 18 additional things we'd like to bring to the Board's
- 19 attention again to put that study into perspective and to
- 20 show you what steps that we're taking again to implement
- 21 some of the major findings out of that research.
- 22 So with that I'll turn it over to Bonnie.
- 23 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 24 CORNWALL: And I'd like to introduce our Staff Member
- 25 James Herota, who will be presenting the presentation.

33 1 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was 2 Presented as follows.) 3 MR. HEROTA: Good morning, Madam Chair and Board 4 Member Mulé. 5 I'll be presenting the agenda item for the presentation of the findings on the Phase 2, the 6 7 Do-it-Yourself Oil Changers Research. 8 --000--MR. HEROTA: Before we hear from Dr. Browning, 9 let me first provide some context for the Used Oil 10 Program. 11 The California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act 12 13 created the program in 1992, and outlined a series of activities that the Board now conducts, including the 14 grant programs and certified collection centers. The 15 purpose of the Act was to reduce illegal disposal of used 16 oil as well as its recycling and reclamation to the 17 greatest extent possible. 18 --000--19 20 MR. HEROTA: In response to that mandate the 21 Board contracted with Dean & Black in 1994 to survey 22 households and gain information necessary for the effective campaign targeting DIYers, Do It Yourselfers. 23 24 Primary findings included defining the DIYer population and necessary measures for implementing a used

- 1 oil collection program through governments.
- 2 A second study in 2001 was conducted by Dr. Rufus
- 3 Browning of the Public Research Institute within the San
- 4 Francisco State University. That project provided updated
- 5 information on DIYer disposal rates, media use, and where
- 6 DIYers are located.
- 7 In order to dig deeper into the 2001 survey and
- 8 project it forward into 2004, the Board again contracted
- 9 with the Public Research Institute within San Francisco
- 10 State University, Rufus Browning, the primary researcher,
- 11 who I'd like to now introduce so you can -- so he can
- 12 present his findings.
- 13 Following his presentation I'll summarize some of
- 14 the actions taken by the Used Oil Program in response to
- 15 the new findings. And we'd like to hold all questions
- 16 until both Rufus and myself have concluded.
- 17 On that note, Rufus.
- DR. BROWNING: Thank you, James.
- 19 Madam Chair and Board Member Mulé. Thanks for
- 20 this opportunity to present the fruits of my work about
- 21 used motor oil. As distinguished from used midnight oil,
- 22 which I have been reusing faithfully lo these many years.
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- 24 DR. BROWNING: If I could revisit the fundamental
- 25 characteristics of the data in the 2001 statewide survey.

- 1 Had about 420 non-DIY households for comparison purposes,
- 2 761 DIYers. And they included 111 shade-tree mechanics,
- 3 who change oil for people outside their own household.
- 4 Most of them change only a few gallons a year, but some
- 5 change dozens of gallons, some change hundreds of gallons
- 6 of oil and dispose of hundreds of gallons of oil per year.
- 7 Interviewed in June and July of 2001 about their
- 8 oil changing practices, including illegal disposal in
- 9 2000-2001. And those are the data that underlie the
- 10 patterns and the relationships that I'm going to be
- 11 talking about.
- 12 And now, as James mentioned, we projected that
- 13 forward on to 2004 population for comparison with the
- 14 '03-'04 oil and filter collection data that the Board
- 15 maintains.
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- 17 DR. BROWNING: Topics of the many that I deal
- 18 with in my report I'm going to deal with today:
- 19 I'm going to talk about shade tree mechanics;
- 20 curbside pick up versus DIYer drop-off centers, which is
- 21 better. And I've just recently in the last couple of
- 22 months been able to estimate the volumes of oil that might
- 23 be recoverable if, for example, we were to make all
- 24 collection centers very convenient from the point of view
- 25 of DIYers; or, alternatively, if we were able to extend

- 1 curbside collection to 90 percent of households in the
- 2 state; and then a couple of other smaller programs that
- 3 also would pick up some interesting amounts of oil.
- 4 --000--
- 5 DR. BROWNING: Shade tree mechanics dispose of
- 6 really tremendous amounts of oil relative to the normal
- 7 run of DIYers who change oil only for their own household,
- 8 six times as much on average (38 versus 6 gallons a year).
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- 10 DR. BROWNING: Total oil disposed in '03-'04 as
- 11 drained liquid oil: Shade tree mechanics, 13 million
- 12 gallons, a little over half of the total oil I estimate,
- 13 out of a total of 24.4 million gallons of drained liquid
- 14 oil.
- 15 I'm using that phrase, drained liquid oil, to
- 16 distinguish it from the oil that's left in the empty
- 17 containers, new oil, and the oil that's remaining in the
- 18 filters, which is also a significant amount. This is the
- 19 stuff that they have in liquid form. And they want to get
- 20 rid of it somehow. And lots of them unfortunately take
- 21 the easy and convenient way out, which is to let it drain
- 22 on the ground or into a gutter or throw it in the trash.
- 23 As one respondent said, "I know I'm not supposed to put it
- 24 down the gutter, so I flush it down the toilet." And
- 25 that's also a possibility.

- 1 If we look at the estimated oil not collected in
- 2 2003-2004, I estimate that shade tree mechanics were
- 3 responsible for nine and a half million gallons of that
- 4 total almost 14 million gallons.
- 5 So the data lead me to believe that shade tree
- 6 mechanics are probably disposing improperly, I think
- 7 illegally, of the lion's share, a very large share of the
- 8 total oil that is not collected. It may not be exactly 69
- 9 percent. We don't have enough shade tree mechanics in the
- 10 data to be able to have a very narrow confidence interval.
- 11 It may be 50 percent. It may be 80 percent. It's a lot
- 12 of oil. It's a big part of the total.
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- 14 DR. BROWNING: Well, if we then look at the size
- 15 of this group of shade tree mechanics, in total there are
- 16 about a third of a million shade tree mechanics. But
- 17 those who are engaging in 10 or more shade tree mechanic
- 18 oil changes per year, a little over a hundred thousand
- 19 constituting 6 percent of all DIY households and 1 percent
- 20 of all households in the state. So it gets to be a pretty
- 21 small group spread pretty thinly over the state. A
- 22 hundred twenty-four thousand is a lot of people if you
- 23 pull them all together at once. But if you spread them
- 24 out all over California, they can be kind of hard to find.
- 25 --000--

- 1 DR. BROWNING: Implications. Shade tree
- 2 mechanics account for most of the disposed oil that is not
- 3 collected. You're not doing the job. I mean -- I'm using
- 4 that "you" in the colloquial sense. We're not doing the
- 5 job unless we collect the oil generated by shade tree
- 6 mechanics. And existing programs, I believe the data show
- 7 miss most of the shade tree mechanic oil and most of the
- 8 oil altogether.
- 9 And, finally, high-volume shade tree mechanics, a
- 10 group that we would dearly love to find and be able to
- 11 collect their oil, are relatively rare.
- 12 --000--
- DR. BROWNING: All right. Let's turn to curbside
- 14 pick up and DIYer drop-off. Which is better? A better
- 15 used oil program in my terms is one that's more effective.
- 16 A more effective program means it reduces improper
- 17 disposal more than less effective programs.
- 18 --000--
- 19 DR. BROWNING: This is out of order. Oh, maybe
- 20 you took out a couple of my graphs.
- Okay. Never mind. Here we are.
- This graph shows essentially that the more
- 23 available -- making curbside collection more available
- 24 reduces illegal disposal more than making collection
- 25 centers more convenient. Now, the top line is the

- 1 predicted probability of improper disposal for DIYers who
- 2 do not use curbside pickup. That means they really don't
- 3 have it available to them. Because if you have curbside
- 4 pickup available to you, you use it. That's clear.
- 5 Both program centers, the blue line; curbside,
- 6 the red line, reduce illegal disposal a great deal. The
- 7 blue line drops, but it still is above predicted
- 8 probability of .4 of improper disposal. The red line, the
- 9 curbside line, drops from just be low .6 down to 0. That
- 10 is, in counties where curbside pickup is widely available,
- 11 the people who have it, that is the people who do not take
- 12 their oil to centers, they're illegal disposal rates drop
- 13 to 0.
- 14 So both programs have a significant impact on
- 15 illegal disposal. But curbside does better in this
- 16 specific sense: Availability of curbside reduces illegal
- 17 disposal more than increasing convenience centers.
- 18 I'm going to stay with this graph for just a
- 19 moment and use this to focus your attention on two
- 20 different approaches. One approach is to try to make the
- 21 centers more convenient. And really this is the approach
- 22 that's been the primary path on which partly the Board but
- 23 especially localities -- as you know, getting DIYers to
- 24 take their oil to centers is the thing that -- the program
- 25 that most localities have.

- 1 So one program alternative which people have been
- 2 pursuing and really engaging in a long-term experiment,
- 3 the outcome of which maybe isn't finally known, is to try
- 4 to push more and more DIYers down toward this category,
- 5 this level of very convenient centers. Unfortunately, If
- 6 you look at that, you see, gosh, even where centers are
- 7 very convenient, let me tell you something, it's not as
- 8 convenient as throwing it in the trash. That's the
- 9 problem. We have such good trash collection, that we make
- 10 it so convenient to dispose of oil that way, that people
- 11 are still doing it that way.
- 12 The other alternative is to try to take these
- 13 folks who are presently using centers and move them down
- 14 here. Well, that's -- you see, there's a bigger drop.
- 15 Just in terms of the visuals here, there's a bigger drop
- 16 in the probability of improper disposal from the centers
- 17 folks down to the curbside.
- 18 --000--
- 19 DR. BROWNING: Now older DIYers are much more
- 20 likely to report using curbside collection. And here I'm
- 21 going to point up a shortcoming of the curbside collection
- 22 program. When we asked them, "Have you put your oil out
- 23 for curbside pickup in the past year" and "How many
- 24 times?" those who said at least once, 40 and older, 15
- 25 percent; under 40, 7 percent. So the current curbside

- 1 programs favor older DIYers. But younger DIYers dispose
- 2 of much more oil, including shade tree mechanics here as
- 3 part of the DIYer group. So curbside collection, though
- 4 it's wonderful at reducing improper disposal to zero for
- 5 those who have it, isn't really targeting a large group
- 6 that has the most oil. That's a problem.
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- 8 DR. BROWNING: Well, which is better? We can say
- 9 clearly that curbside pickup is better at reducing illegal
- 10 disposal to the greatest extent possible where it is
- 11 available. That phrase of course is a quotation from the
- 12 "legislative intent" paragraph of your act, the California
- 13 Auto Recycling Enhancement Act.
- 14 Zero illegal disposal is greatest extent
- 15 possible. Curbside pickup meets that standard. Can DIYer
- 16 drop-off programs meet it? And I think that's -- I think
- 17 it's doubtful that they can, or doubtful that they can do
- 18 it at any reasonable cost. Why? Because you've really
- 19 already picked the low hanging fruit, if I can mix a
- 20 metaphor with used oil. You've gotten the folks who are
- 21 easy to persuade. The next 40 percent are going to be
- 22 much more difficult to persuade. I've seen them in focus
- 23 groups. They just stand their ground. They get all the
- 24 disapproval from other folks in the group, and they just
- 25 stand their ground and say, "You know, once I go get the

- 1 oil and I take it home, I change it, I'm not going to do
- 2 another errand then, drive a mile to the center and stand
- 3 in line maybe for 10, 15, 20 minutes. Forget it. It's
- 4 not worth it. It's just a little oil. And besides" -- as
- 5 some will argue -- "oil comes out of the ground. It
- 6 should go back into it."
- 7 --000--
- 8 DR. BROWNING: So the challenge -- I know it's
- 9 primitive thinking, but it's out there.
- The challenge for curbside is to extend it to
- 11 single-family dwellings across the state, I think; and,
- 12 secondly, to make it available to residents of
- 13 multi-family dwellings. I make that distinction for an
- 14 obvious reason about the different ways in which waste
- 15 hauling and collection and management is handled for
- 16 single and multi-family dwellings. And the fact is of
- 17 course that curbside is now available almost entirely only
- 18 to single-family dwellings. Though some folks are
- 19 experimenting with that multi-family dwellings.
- 20 For centers and DIYer drop-off, well, you know
- 21 the score there, to try to make them much more convenient
- 22 and to greatly increase DIYer commitment to recycling. As
- 23 I said, I think that's not very -- you can make centers
- 24 more convenient to a certain extent, but I think there are
- 25 limits there as well, limits of distance and the cost of

- 1 provision and so on, and also problems of -- as I say, of
- 2 getting much more DIYer commitment to overcome the
- 3 essential inconvenience.
- 4 --000--
- 5 DR. BROWNING: Okay. Let's look at oil recovery.
- 6 Estimated, which program of these two alternative
- 7 programs -- and these are -- these figures here are
- 8 really -- they include the same oil, if you will.
- 9 Making collection centers very convenient for
- 10 every DIY household in the state would collect about 3 1/2
- 11 million gallons beyond what you're collecting already.
- 12 On the other hand, extending regular curbside oil
- 13 pickup to 90 percent of the households now without it
- 14 would collect about 12 1/2 million gallons.
- 15 By the way, these estimates are just out of the
- 16 last couple of months. And this whole structure of data
- 17 and the ability to make these predictions of improper
- 18 disposal is just out of the last eight or nine, ten months
- 19 of work. So these are very recent findings and not
- 20 something that members of the Used Oil Program have had
- 21 available to them in this clear form for very long.
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- DR. BROWNING: Other oil recovery estimates in
- 24 millions of gallons per year. If you were able to collect
- 25 all the empty new oil containers and extract all of their

- 1 oil, it would be a little over a million gallons. Worth
- 2 doing. I don't want those million gallons to be in the
- 3 trash each year. Or to collect all the filters and
- 4 extract all their oil, a little over two million gallons.
- 5 --000--
- 6 DR. BROWNING: From the data -- it's not my job
- 7 to take into account all of the considerations that you
- 8 folks have to face or that local programs have to face.
- 9 But I would recommend, from the data, extend curbside
- 10 pickup to single family dwellings statewide to the extent
- 11 possible, and to multi-family dwellings statewide. A lot
- 12 of work to be done there. A lot of difficult steps,
- 13 barriers, problems, institutional problems, legal
- 14 problems, things to be overcome. But I think that's where
- 15 the data suggests it would be worth going.
- 16 And certainly to implement programs that meet the
- 17 needs of shade tree mechanics; in particular, avoiding
- 18 highly restrictive volume limits. You're not going to
- 19 catch the shade tree mechanic oil if you have strict
- 20 volume limits. They have larger volumes that they need to
- 21 get rid of somehow. And if you don't provide it, some of
- 22 them are going to decide to take the easy way out, the
- 23 illegal way out.
- 24 For the remaining households, obviously you've
- 25 got to improve convenience of drop-off, if you can, and

- 1 strengthen commitment. But at the bottom, as you get
- 2 down, try to push that improper disposal rate down
- 3 farther, you may have to consider enforcement measures
- 4 because there's a lot of resistance.
- 5 --000--
- 6 DR. BROWNING: I'd like to just say a word --
- 7 this doesn't come out of my data -- a word though about
- 8 cost, because I've been talking to people about these
- 9 programs and the costs of doing them for years now and
- 10 heard so much from local program people and from the staff
- 11 of the Used Oil Program, and benefited so much from that.
- 12 And it occurred to me that the -- what's often been cited
- 13 to me as a reason for not doing curbside pickup is that
- 14 cost per gallon collected is just far too great and far
- 15 greater than the centers programs, DIYer drop-off
- 16 programs, of where obviously DIYers are providing a lot of
- 17 the labor. But I think that's really a misleading figure.
- 18 One program I think is demonstrably effective in a way
- 19 that the other is not.
- I know that the centers programs have been
- 21 effective at collecting millions and millions of gallons,
- 22 but they're not effective enough. They're not effective
- 23 enough at getting improper disposal down to zero, that is,
- 24 to the greatest extent possible. And the appropriate
- 25 criterion I believe would be to pay cost to reduce illegal

- 1 disposal to zero. I think on that probably curbside will
- 2 be shown to have an advantage. I don't know that. But
- 3 I'm just throwing out that idea based on the discussions
- 4 and the thinking that I've done about that over these
- 5 years.
- 6 In closing, I would just like to thank the Used
- 7 Oil Program staff, with whom I've had many discussions.
- 8 They've been very valuable. James Herota in particular
- 9 has given me lots of insights. But many members of the
- 10 staff have done that as well. And the local program
- 11 people around the state too who have really participated
- 12 in this research by being a sounding board for me and by
- 13 telling me where I was going wrong.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Yes. Thank you, Dr.
- 16 Browning.
- 17 Are we still continuing or -- Okay.
- 18 --00o--
- 19 MR. HEROTA: I'd like to go over a few of the
- 20 action steps taken to date. In both the most recent grant
- 21 cycles for nonprofit grants and research and demonstration
- 22 grants, the criteria gave preference points to projects
- 23 that increased the number of oil collection centers; that
- 24 are auto parts stores or retail stores that sell
- 25 lubricating oil to the public; projects that employ

- 1 community-based social marketing strategies targeting
- 2 immigrants about local used oil and filter disposal. The
- 3 recently awarded contract to CSU Sacramento will identify
- 4 auto part stores that have potential for becoming oil
- 5 collection centers and identified barriers to becoming an
- 6 oil collection center.
- 7 Staff have incorporated performance-based
- 8 measures grounded in DIY data versus per-capital data for
- 9 block grants. And through conferences, staff and grantees
- 10 are sharing success in targeting DIYers. Staff recently
- 11 completed a survey of jurisdictions regarding potential
- 12 barriers for curbside collection.
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- 14 MR. HEROTA: And due to the interest generated by
- 15 this work that Dr. Browning has done relative to curbside
- 16 oil collection, I wanted to share some of the preliminary
- 17 findings of our July 2005 survey of 82 jurisdictions that
- 18 did not have curbside for oil but did have curbside for
- 19 both bottles and cans.
- 20 First curbside collection of used oil is not
- 21 likely unless the jurisdiction already has an existing
- 22 curbside collection program for other recyclables such as
- 23 paper or beverage containers. Others are not considered
- 24 good candidates because they're very small. That
- 25 eliminates about 58 jurisdictions.

- 1 The good news is that of those remaining 189
- 2 jurisdictions that have curbside of bottles and cans,
- 3 approximately 60 percent of them do collect used oil.
- 4 --000--
- 5 MR. HEROTA: For those that don't have curbside,
- 6 the cost effectiveness was the biggest concern, just over
- 7 one-half of the local governments surveyed. One quarter
- 8 of the jurisdictions thought their haulers were not
- 9 interested in adding used oil collection. And one-third
- 10 opposed curbside due to perceived concerns regarding oil
- 11 spillage.
- 12 --000--
- 13 MR. HEROTA: Proposed actions for fiscal year
- 14 2005-2006. Given the great potential of curbside used oil
- 15 collection as well as working with shade tree mechanics,
- 16 staff are proposing a number of actions for the next
- 17 fiscal year. We plan to assess the cost barriers,
- 18 perceived risk to curbside collection from local
- 19 government and hauler points of view. We plan to provide
- 20 technical assistance to jurisdictions interested in adding
- 21 oil to existing curbside collection programs. We plan to
- 22 revamp the criteria and approach of the upcoming
- 23 Opportunity Grant to encourage curbside collection. We
- 24 plan to closely follow new nonprofit and research an
- 25 demonstrate grants relative to lessons regarding shade

- 1 tree mechanics and plastic bottle recycling.
- 2 And, in conclusion, if there's any questions, we
- 3 can take those at this time.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Ms. Mulé.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 6 Thank you both for your presentations. Dr.
- 7 Browning, I really enjoyed your presentation at the HHW
- 8 Used Oil Conference a few months back. And I do have a
- 9 question for you.
- 10 At the presentation that I saw at the luncheon I
- 11 recollect that the majority of the DIYers are younger,
- 12 that's correct?
- DR. BROWNING: The majority.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Majority are.
- 15 And as I recall though, you had also indicated
- 16 that the majority of those younger DIYers and/or shade
- 17 tree mechanics live in multi-family units. And,
- 18 therefore, the need -- you know -- I think the conclusion
- 19 that you made then was that the need for curbside may not
- 20 be as significant as we might assume.
- 21 DR. BROWNING: I don't come to that conclusion.
- 22 They live in multi-family dwellings. But they also need
- 23 curbside collection. You need to have curbside collection
- 24 of their oil in order to make sure it actually gets
- 25 collected, even if they're multi-family --

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- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: But there's a difference
- 2 though between curbside collection and multi-family
- 3 collection. So you're saying though that there's a big
- 4 difference?
- 5 DR. BROWNING: It could be curbside or it could
- 6 be some other arrangement at a multi-family dwelling.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: At a multi-family, right,
- 8 right. And that's -- usually when we talk about curbside,
- 9 we mean single family, you know. So -- and, again, as I
- 10 recall in your presentation, was that we may not
- 11 necessarily need single-family curbside collection
- 12 because -- or expand on that, because really the majority
- 13 of the DIYers live in these multi-family dwellings, so
- 14 that's where we need to focus our collection efforts.
- DR. BROWNING: I think there's more oil -- you're
- 16 right. There's more oil to be collected that is now not
- 17 being collected by people who live in multi-family
- 18 dwellings. But there's also a large amount of oil
- 19 that's -- for people who live in single-family dwellings,
- 20 some of whom are younger. But they're more likely to be
- 21 over 40 than under 40.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Right, right. And
- 23 they're more likely to recycle it anyway.
- DR. BROWNING: They are somewhat more likely.
- 25 But there are still millions and millions of gallons in

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1 single-family dwellings that are not properly disposed of

- 2 now.
- 3 So I would say you're right. If you had a
- 4 priority -- if you had a single thing you could move on, I
- 5 would work toward experimenting to find workable ways to
- 6 collect at multi-family dwellings. That's where I think
- 7 most of the oil is.
- 8 But the single-family dwellings also have a lot
- 9 of oil and I wouldn't ignore them. So --
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Right. And didn't you
- 11 have -- I believe you also provided statistics on the
- 12 number of single-family homes that are currently
- 13 collecting used motor oil curbside.
- 14 DR. BROWNING: I don't have that directly. What
- 15 I do have is the data on the age distribution for
- 16 single-family dwellings and how that connects to the age
- 17 distribution for curbside users. And they're very, very
- 18 similar. In this presentation I didn't include those two
- 19 graphs. Sorry.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Well, that's what was so
- 21 interesting to me in your presentation a few months back,
- 22 was the fact that, you know, most of the DIYers that live
- 23 in single-family homes are older because they -- you know,
- 24 they were able to afford a home; whereas the younger
- 25 DIYers, which the majority of them are younger, live in

- 1 multi-family dwellings.
- DR. BROWNING: Yeah.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: And, you know, that's the
- 4 challenge though that we've had as a state, not just with
- 5 the used oil collection. I mean just with regular --
- 6 plain old multi-family recycling it's very, very difficult
- 7 to get a program for, you know, paper, bottles and cans
- 8 established and used properly in multi-family, let alone
- 9 motor oil.
- 10 And then the other thing that I recall too is
- 11 that, you know, many of these multi-family complexes don't
- 12 allow the DIYers to do what they're doing. So what
- 13 they're doing, they're not supposed to be doing there as
- 14 far as changing their oil.
- DR. BROWNING: Yeah. Well, they're not supposed
- 16 to be doing it on the premises --
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Right, right.
- 18 DR. BROWNING: They can still do it, but -- yeah.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: So that's again
- 20 another -- you know, again I'm just thinking out loud
- 21 here. It's very difficult for us to promote to -- to
- 22 promote multi-family -- or recycling of oil at a
- 23 multi-family dwelling when they're not supposed to be
- 24 changing their oil there in the first place.
- 25 So that's, you know, some of the frustrations.

- 1 So then, again, further thinking, you know, what
- 2 do we do? Do we make our collection centers more
- 3 convenient? Do we provide an incentive to allow more
- 4 collection centers throughout the community? I mean it's
- 5 really a tough issue for us to grapple with.
- 6 But, again, that's why I appreciate your -- your
- 7 information was very, very enlightening to me in terms of,
- 8 you know, just trying to figure out how do we address this
- 9 issue?
- 10 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 11 CORNWALL: I wanted to comment that we are in the midst of
- 12 tackling that: How do we locate the certified centers in
- 13 the right places and how do we recruit them? And our
- 14 contract, which is underway now, and should be generating
- 15 a tool kit actually next fall that focuses on how do you
- 16 recruit these certified centers.
- 17 What we know the biggest incentive is so far is
- 18 that for everybody that brings their oil in, they spend
- 19 about \$30. That's why these auto retail part stores are
- 20 interested in being certified centers. So we're doing a
- 21 lot of interviews and focus groups in this contract right
- 22 now to determine exactly from their mouths, if you will,
- 23 why they are certified centers, and trying to identify
- 24 those that will tell their peers; because we know that's
- 25 one of the best ways to get people to do something, is not

- 1 if we tell them, but if, you know, their peers, at their
- 2 conferences, whatever, if they see that there really are a
- 3 lot of benefits.
- 4 So we are tackling that recruitment. And with
- 5 Dr. Browning's data, we're focusing on areas where we know
- 6 there are a lot of the do-it-yourself oil changers.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER MULÉ: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 I'm glad that one of the things you're going to
- 10 do is to assess the costs and the barriers to the curbside
- 11 collection. I'm glad to see that was part of this.
- 12 When do you think you'll be able to report back
- 13 on that?
- 14 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 15 CORNWALL: Report back on?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: On some of these things that
- 17 you're going to be studying, like assessing the cost and
- 18 barriers of the curbside collection. Are you going to be
- 19 doing these in phases and bringing the results back to us?
- 20 Or is it going to be all one big report?
- 21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: I think, as I mentioned in
- 22 my opening remarks, we intend to keep the Board apprised
- 23 of developments in all of these areas. And so I would
- 24 expect -- I don't -- I don't want to kind of specify a
- 25 particular month. But I think as we -- in the

- 1 recommendations that we've noted, and we've got an ongoing
- 2 program, and, again, as results come in we'd be more than
- 3 pleased to come back to report on that progress.
- 4 GRANTS AND CERTIFICATION SECTION SUPERVISOR
- 5 CORNWALL: You can also expect that when we present the
- 6 criteria item for the opportunity grant, which is likely
- 7 to be early next year, curbside or some projects related
- 8 to that will be one of the criteria. So we'll spend some
- 9 time in the context of that item sharing, you know, some
- 10 of those results. But we think that it's very
- 11 important -- Dr. Browning's survey work was done with the
- 12 public and theoretical basis about curbside. What we
- 13 really need to understand is from the local government
- 14 perspective, what are the real and perceived barriers from
- 15 the haulers, also local elected officials. Many of the
- 16 jurisdictions, I think some quarter of them said, "Well,
- 17 our local government never asked us to look into it. So
- 18 we just didn't do that."
- 19 So we'll be looking into -- you know, we really
- 20 think there's a lot to be gained in looking at what the
- 21 real barriers are from the people who have to implement
- 22 the programs. And we will -- we have spent some
- 23 significant staff time actually doing this study.
- 24 Remember, last month you asked us why we weren't doing
- 25 some of these studies ourselves and why we had contracts.

56 Well, it's because of this kind of work like we're doing on curbside, where we find we want much more, you know, immediate results and, albeit somewhat, you know, back of 3 4 the envelope, but nonetheless data on which we can base 5 our decisions. 6 Those are the kind of tasks that we put our staff 7 researchers on. And so curbside has been a hard priority for us. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: Thank you, Bonnie. Thank you, James. Thank you, Dr. Browning. 10 11 Okay. If there are not any other questions, this meeting's adjourned. 12 13 Oh, and this was a Committee-only item. 14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEE: Yes, Madam Chair. 15 (Thereupon the California Integrated Waste Management Board, Special Waste Committee 16 meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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